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Memo for DD/P, DD/S and Chmn, Project Review Committee, dated 5 May 1956,
Subject, Blanket Waivers ~~Secret~~

Memo for DCI, through DD/P and DD/S, same subject, concurred in by DD/S
28 April 1956, from Comptroller(?)
Reference: IG Survey of the Office of the Comptroller, 20 Oct. 1954 (TS #103026)

3. Findings of Fact:

Compared with the total number of Agency projects, the number operating under blanket waivers is very small. There are [redacted] DD/P projects. The bulk of them operate under normal Agency Regulations. [redacted] operate under Administrative Plans (which involve some departures from the Regulations) prepared by PAPS. In 1954 there were [redacted] operating under blanket waivers authorized by the Director. [redacted] these projects fall under [redacted] component, [redacted]

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4. Discussion

The support components of the Agency are responsible to the Director for ensuring proper fiscal and other administrative controls. They are also responsible, as their designation implies, for supporting operational activity thru providing "know-how" in specialized fields within their competence.

The general tenor of the Regulations is to provide for participation by support elements in the development and administration of the usual project. Such participation in the overwhelming majority of unusual projects is assured by the existence of PAPS. In the very rare case [redacted] the magnitude or sensitivity of the project makes the Administrative Plan procedure unsuitable.

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[redacted] these unusual projects, however, makes them especially productive of the possibility of difficulty or embarrassment. More than the "ordinary" project, they must be supported with all the intellectual and experiential resources available to the Agency.

The Inspector General's recommendations (Annex A), although basically sound, may not be applicable to every project, and it is impracticable and unwise to attempt to force these few highly unusual projects into a mold. These recommendations also stress controls with (in our view) insufficient emphasis upon the assistance that support elements can render.

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